

CODE OF VIRGINIA -- INTENT OF CSA LAW: To create a collaborative system of services & funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families in the Commonwealth.

SEC MISSION STATEMENT: To direct a cost-effective system of services for youths that is child centered, family focused and community based.

CSA QUAL ASSURANCE WORKGROUP #4 MISSION: To provide the best outcomes for at-risk children of Virginia and their families through the provision of child-centered, family-focused services.

OCS DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT: To facilitate a collaborative system of care that improves outcomes for troubled and at-risk youth and their families that is child centered, family focused and community based.

VISION: All at-risk youth and their families are identified early and maintained in their home and community through the most cost-effective, preventative, early intervention and treatment services. Service planning and coordination takes place through a collaborative, strength-based, multi-disciplinary process that incorporates key principles and values. (Ch #4)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

I FAMILY DRIVEN

Increase family involvement in service delivery and management (Code)
Inclusive service planning process is family driven to insure collaborative process resulting in consensus on goals & strategies (Ch#4)
Family-driven in assessment, design, delivery and management of services (OCS)
Promotes partnership between families and professionals (Nat'l SOC model)
Advocate for at-risk children (Ch#3)
Advocacy (proposed budget language)
Advocacy, promotion and protection of children's rights (Nat'l SOC model)

II STRENGTH BASED

Ensure funding and services are consistent with Commonwealth's policy of preserving families (Code)
Design & provide services that are responsive to unique and diverse strengths and needs of troubled youth & families (Code)
Individualized services based on the unique, changing needs and potential of the child and family (Nat'l SOC model)
Service planning and coordination takes place through a collaborative, strength-based, multi-disciplinary process. (Ch#4)
Provides individual supports and services based on strengths and needs in multiple domains (Nat'l SOC model)

III CONTINUUM OF CARE

Identify & intervene early with young children & their families at risk of developing emotional/behavioral problems (Code)
Coordinate EI prog to promote comprehensive, coordinated service delivery, local interagency program management, co-location of community services (Code)
Identify early & maintain children in their home & community thru most cost-effective preventive, early intervention, treatment services. (Ch#4)
Encourage prevention, early intervention and the use of least restrictive, community based services (Custody)
Preventive, early intervention, treatment and transition services (OCS)
Provide appropriate services in least restrictive environment while protecting welfare of children & maintaining public safety (Code)
Cost effective collaborative system of services (SEC)
Evidence-based services and practices -- "Best Practices" based on research (Commission on Youth; Nat'l focus)
Service planning process is accessible to all at-risk children and their families (Ch#4)
A full continuum of services (including preventative, early intervention and treatment) is available throughout the Commonwealth (Ch#4)
Support development of appropriate, accessible & outcomes-based continuum of behavioral & substance abuse treatment services (Cust)

IV COLLABORATIVE

Increase interagency collaboration in service delivery and management (Code)
Encourage a public and private partnership in the delivery of services (Code)
Collaborative in programmatic policy development, fiscal policy development and administrative oversight. (SEC purpose)
Promote open communication, ownership, and active participation among all CSA participants. (CH#2)
Service planning and coordination takes place through a collaborative, strength-based, multi-disciplinary process. (Ch#4)

Involves collaboration between multiple agencies and service sectors (Nat'l SOC model)

V	CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT	Promotes culturally responsive supports and services (Nat'l SOC model) Value and respect the dignity of all people and believe that diversity and competency in all activities is essential (Ch#4)
VI	COMMUNITY BASED	Authorize communities to make decisions and be accountable for providing services in concert with these purposes. (Code) Place authority for making program and funding decisions at the local level (Code) Institute community responsibility for the provision of services (Code) Locus of services, management decision making, accountability rests at community level (OCS)
VII	STRONG STATE LEADERSHIP	Develop and promote policies, services, funding & practices that support communities in accomplishing these principles (OCS) Develop program efficiencies & administrative supports, which minimize CSA administrative processing & expenses at all levels (CH #5) Policy decisions made with consensus from perspectives of child-serving agencies, private providers and families (Ch#4) An active, contributing partner in support of the delivery of services in each community in the Commonwealth (Ch#3) Assures the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries are knowledgeable (SEC) Advise Governor/Secretaries proposed policy/operational changes to facilitate interagency service dev't, implementation, communication & cooperation; (Code) Oversee the development and implementation of uniform guidelines (Code) Incorporate information/recommendations from local comprehensive service systems with responsibility for planning, delivering services (Code)
VIII	OUTCOME BASED/ QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	Oversee the development, implementation, and collection of uniform data collection standards, and the development of outcome measures; (Code) Data driven decision-making - in both service provision and policy domains (Ch#4) Quality improvement program using customer feedback, client outcomes, program & fiscal data to improve operations/management.(Ch#4) Provide for systemic evaluation of performance and processes throughout the program to better respond to needs of at-risk youth & families (Ch#4) Insure ongoing assessment of the program's achievement of its vision (Ch#4) Includes system of ongoing evaluation and accountability (Nat'l SOC model)
IX	FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE/ ACCOUNTABLE	Provide communities flexibility in the use of funds (Code) Reduce disparity in accessing services & reduce inadvertent fiscal incentives for serving children based on differing local match rates for funding streams (Code) Equitable delivery of services - opportunity of children to have equal access to full array of services, no matter where they live in Commonwealth. (Ch#3) Vigilant steward of scarce financial resources (Ch#3) Maximize & efficiently use all available local, state, federal & private funding streams aligned with/complementary to CSA principles. (Ch#3) Available funds spent effectively, efficiently and equitably (Ch#3) Cost-effective services (SEC) Active leader in finding and promoting federal and private funding for services to this population (Ch#3) Advocate for greater state funding for behavioral health services for the children of Virginia (Ch#3; Custody)

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